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|---|---|---|
| 2001-02 | | 1,15,83 |
| 2002-03 | | 3,52,85 |
| 2003-04 | | 3,32,56 |
| 2004-05 | - | 17,58,21 |

(b) and (c) The Government Welfare Fund has been decentralized. The State/UT Governments have been asked to set up their own State Consumer Welfare Fund for which seed money at the ratio of 50:50 (Centre:State) is given to the State/UT Govts, for North East and other special category states the ratio is 90:10 (Centre:State) as one time grant. The allocation to the State Government is proportionate to the number of districts in the State/UTs. The procedure for release of funds to the State Govts, is very simple.

**Inclusion of families in BPL list**

1304. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the parameters for inclusion of a family in B.P.L. list;

(b) the number of families listed, so far, under B.P.L. category, State-wise; and

(c) whether there is any system to review the list from time to time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) At the beginning of each Five Year Plan, the Ministry of Rural Development through State Governments conducts a Below Poverty Line (BPL) Census in all the States/UTs except Delhi and Chandigarh with a view to identify households living below the poverty line. An Expert Group was set up to advise on the criteria, methodology and survey Schedules for BPL Census (2002). The Expert Group submittted its report in September, 2002. The Report has recommended that thirteen scorable socio-economic indicators namely, Size group of operational holding of land, Type of house, Average availability of normal wear clothing, Food security, Sanitation, Ownership of cosumer durables, Literacy status of the highest literate adult, Status of the household in labour force, Means of Livelihood, Status of children, Type of

indebtedness, Reasons for migration from household and Preference for assistance, each having scores 0,1, 2, 3,4 depending on the status of the household, are to be used for working out a composite score for each rural household.

On the basis of the recommendations of Expert Group, the Ministry of Rural Development issued instructions to State Governments/UT Administrations to carry out the BPL Census, which was to be completed in June, 2003. However, due to ruling of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL) Writ Petition No. 196 of 2001, the result of the BPL Census have not been finalized. The State-wise number of BPL families as identified by the States/UTs during BPL Census, 1997 is given in the Statement *(see* below). The list of BPL families is received after every Five years when a fresh BPL Census is conducted.

***Statement***

*State-wise number of BPL families identified during BPL Census, 1997*

| SI. No. | State/UT | Total No. of Rural families | %age of families below poverty line |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 10484028 | 39.91 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 102852 | 78.39 |
| 3. | Assam | 3607241 | 60.00 |
| 4. | Bihar | 18933813 | 49.64 |
| 5. | Goa | 135816 | 17.01 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 5587768 | i5.45 |
| 7. | Haryana | 2074615 | 24.25 |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 1036996 | 27.59 |
| 9. | J&K | 1047251 | 57.92 |
| 10. | Karnataka | 6479832 | 33.99 |
| 11. | Kerala | 4714295 | 36.56 |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | 11651082 | 43.87 |
| 13. | Maharashtra | 11010022 | 35.07 |
| 14. | Manipur | 365670 | 67.54 |
| 15. | Meghalaya | 282362 | 55.48 |
| 16. | Mizoram | 110570 | 67.07 |
| 17. | Nagaland$$ | 146615 | 60.39 |

| SI. No. | State/UT | Total No. of Rural families | %age of families below poverty line |
|---|---|---|---|
| 18. | Orissa*$$ | 6790202 | 65.47 |
| 19. | Punjab | 2330725 | 27.90 |
| *20.* | Rajasthan | 6768541 | 30.99 |
| 21. | Sikkim | NR | NR |
| 22. | Tamil Nadu | 9388118 | 29.16 |
| 23. | Tripura | 595397 | 66.81 |
| 24. | Uttar Pradesh | 20430204 | 36.91 |
| 25. | West Bengal | 11076686 | 44.40 |
| 26, | A&N Islands | 30221 | 21.25 |
| 27. | D&N Haveli | 26237 | 65.67 |
| 28. | Daman & Diu | 10735 | 3.68 |
| 29. | Lakshdweep | 8625 | 10.26 |
| 30. | Pondicherry | 133555 | 47.37 |
| | ALL INDIA | 135360074 | 41.05 |

Source: Ministry of Rural Development
NR-Not Reported
*Provisional
$$-Rural Household

**Wheat and rice to BPL families**

1305. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been providing wheat and rice free of cost or at subsidized cost to the States for distribution among people living Below Poverty Line (BPL);

(b) if so, the State-wise details of BPL population in 2001 -02,2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 alongwith the details of volumes of wheat and rice provided to the respective States during these periods, indicating the volume provided free of cost and those at subsidized cost; and

(c) the details of per quintal rates of wheat and rice issued to the States during the period?